

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Merle E. Buhler has devoted 38 years of his career to helping develop a sage and efficient highway system in South Dakota, participating in the construction of the Interstate system and the reconstruction of a significant portion of South Dakota's Primary System; and,

WHEREAS, During his career with the Department of Transportation, Merle has given exemplary performance in a number of positions starting with Instrument Man through Resident Engineer and ultimately to Chief of Materials and Surfacing; and

WHEREAS, With tact and finesse he has negotiated numerous agreements between the Department and the FHWA, dealing with various and sundry policies and their interpretation, bringing relations between these two entities to a new level of understanding; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of his dedication and perseverance the South Dakota Department of Transportation has become a model of innovative surfacing design with efficient use of limited resources, both material and financial; and,

WHEREAS, Merle E. Buhler is the loving father of Cheri and John, and a proud grandfather of one and two-thirds; and,

WHEREAS, It has now come time for Merle to retire in his hometown of Pierre with Leona, his wife of 38 years; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments of this outstanding South Dakotan:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 20, 1989, as

MERLE E. BUHLER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with Merle's family, friends, and co-workers to wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltime
JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR